Leakage in water supply

1558. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the scarcity of water in Delhi is largely due to massive leakage in Delhi Jal Board's supply lines; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken to stop water leakage which is more than 300 MGD everyday whereas the shortfall in supply of water is around 150 MGD?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Delhi Jal Board has informed that against a total production of 675 million gallons per day (mgd) of water, about 80 mgd of water seeps through the distribution system of about 9000 kms. The main points for leakages are the service connections by the consumers and unauthorised use of on line boosters.

The seepage has been reported from different places all over Delhi. Regular inspections are carried out by Delhi Jal Board on daily basis to detect and plug leakages. A dedicated Leak Detection Cell functions for prevention, detection and repair of leakages.

Land acquisition for metro station

1559. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether one of the metro stations on the Connaught Place-Dwarka route is coming up at Ramesh Nagar area of West Delhi;

(b) the details of the properties in the vicinity of this station that are likely to be acquired by Government for the purpose of developing parking and other facilities to make access to the metro station easy;

(c) whether any compensation would be paid for acquiring these properties; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Land measuring 5153 sq. mtrs. has been acquired and taken over. An amount of Rs. 85.48 lakhs has been paid as compensation.

Legislation to regulate the builders to register with a Regulatory Authority

1560. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI LALIT SURI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are willing to bring a legislation to regulate the builders to register with the Regulatory Authority;

(b) whether the Bill would check the antecedents of the builders and cut down the land mafia;

(c) whether Government are looking at ways to induce transparency and competitiveness in the unregulated construction industry;

(d) whether there are any penal provisions spell out in the legislation, in case the builder violates the Terms and Conditions; and

(e) by when the same is likely to be introducted in Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The Ministry of Urban Development has received a suggestion for creation of a Construction Regulatory Authority.

(b) to (d) The proposal is being examined and the matter is at a very preliminary stage;

(e) It is not possible to indicate to a time-frame within which such a legislation can be put forward.

Creation of new jobs and dwelling units

1561. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state: